

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A head supporting mechanism or a suspension apparatus comprising:

a load beam adapted to be attached with a magnetic head slider at one end; [[and]] a head arm, a tip end of said head arm being joined with the other end of said load beam; and

a dummy weight which is attached to a rear end of said head arm[[;]] so as to make a center of mass of a portion including all of said magnetic head slider, said load beam, said head arm and said dummy weight coincides coincide with a center of swing movement of said head arm in a radial direction of a recording medium and with a center of swing movement of said head arm in a direction perpendicular to a recording surface of said recording medium.

2. (Currently Amended) A head supporting mechanism or a suspension apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said load beam and said head arm are joined in such a way that their center lines of said load beam and said head arm in the longitudinal direction substantially coincide coincide with each other, and attachment positions of said dummy weight are respectively arranged to be symmetrical with respect to said center [[line]] lines, and attachment positions of a joining member for joining a voice coil motor for swinging said head arm in the radial direction of said recording medium with said head arm are also respectively arranged to be symmetrical with respect to said center [[line]] lines.

3. (Original) A head supporting mechanism or a suspension apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said load beam and said head arm are constructed as a single member.

4.(Original) A head supporting mechanism or a suspension apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said load beam and said head arm are constructed as a single member.

5. (Original) A head supporting mechanism or a suspension apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said load beam and said head arm are made of a resin.

6. (Original) A head supporting mechanism or a suspension apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said load beam and said head arm are made of a resin.

7. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head apparatus comprising:

a magnetic head slider; a load beam adapted to be attached with said magnetic head slider at one end; [[and]]

a head arm, a tip end of said head arm being joined with the other end of said load beam; and

~~wherein~~ a dummy weight which is attached to a rear end of said head arm[[;]] so as to make a center of mass of a portion including all of said magnetic head slider, said load beam, and said head arm and said dummy weight coincides coincide with a center of swing movement of said head arm in a radial direction of a recording medium and with a center of swing movement of said head arm in a direction perpendicular to a recording surface of said recording medium.

8. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said load beam and said head arm are joined in such a way that their center lines of said load beam and said head arm in the longitudinal direction coincides coincide with each other, and attachment positions of said dummy weight are respectively arranged to be symmetrical with respect to said center [[line]] lines, and attachment positions of a joining member for joining a voice coil motor for swinging said magnetic head slides in the radial direction of said recording medium with said head arm are respectively arranged to be symmetrical with respect to said center [[line]] lines.

9. (Original) A magnetic head apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said load beam and said head arm are constructed as a single member.

10. (Original) A magnetic head apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said load beam and said head arm are constructed as a single member.

11. (Original) A magnetic head apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said load beam and said head arm are made of a resin.

12. (Original) A magnetic head apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said load beam and said head arm are made of a resin.

13. (Withdrawn) A head actuator comprising: a magnetic head including a magnetic head slider, a load beam adapted to be attached with the magnetic head slider at one end and a head arm a tip end of which is joined with the other end of said load beam; and a swing portion of a voice coil motor having a support arm that swingably supports said magnetic head; wherein a dummy weight is attached to a rear end of said head arm, said head arm being joined with said support arm via a joining member; said head arm is biased, at a center of mass of a portion including all of said magnetic head slider, said load beam, said head arm and said dummy weight, in a direction away from said support arm by a pivot pin provided on said support arm, so that said head arm is supported in such a way that it is spaced from said support arm by a predetermined distance with its substantially horizontal state being maintained.

14. (Withdrawn) A head actuator according to claim 13, wherein said load beam and said head arm are joined in such a way that their center lines in the longitudinal direction coincides with each other, and each of attachment positions of said dummy weight, each of attachment positions of said joining member and each of biasing positions of said pivot pin are respectively arranged to be symmetrical with respect to said center line.

15. ((Withdrawn) A head actuator according to claim 13, wherein said joining member comprises an elastic member.

16. (Withdrawn) A head actuator according to claim 15, wherein said elastic member comprises a leaf spring having a U-like shape, a round portion and end portions of said leaf spring are arranged along a center line of said load beam and said head arm in their longitudinal direction, said round portion is secured to either one of said support arm and said head arm, and said end portions are secured to the other one of said support arm and said head arm.

17. (Withdrawn) A head actuator according to claim 13, wherein said load beam and said head arm is constructed as a single member made of a resin.

18. (Original) A magnetic recording apparatus equipped with a magnetic head apparatus according to claim 7.

19. (Original) A magnetic recording apparatus equipped with a magnetic head apparatus according to claim 8.

20. (Withdrawn) A magnetic recording apparatus equipped with a head actuator according to claim 13.

21. (Withdrawn) A magnetic recording apparatus equipped with a head actuator according to claim 14.